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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: May 14, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN
ALLEGATION OF BRIBERY

Mr. Lewis G. Odom, Jr., Administrative Assistant to Senator Sparkman, called last evening and spoke to Leinbaugh of my office. Leinbaugh has known Odom personally for a number of years.

Odom advised that an individual has written to the President and several governmental agencies alleging that H. Floyd Sherrod, Jr., Legislative Assistant to Senator Sparkman, took a $500 bribe in connection with a matter affecting the Small Business Administration. According to Odom, Small Business Administration investigators are checking into this matter; however, Odom felt since the matter alleged a violation within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction, the FBI would want to look into it.

According to Odom, Sherrod in October of 1962 had been in Senator Sparkman's office in Huntsville, Alabama. An individual stopped by the Senator's office, said he was a friend of ex-Congressman Boykin, had left his identification at home and asked Sherrod to identify him at the Huntsville bank so that he could cash a $500 check. Odom said that Sherrod made the requested identification at the bank and also endorsed the $500 check. He said that Sherrod's endorsement on the check had apparently led to the current claim that Sherrod had accepted a $500 bribe.

Odom said he had complete confidence in Sherrod, that he was a highly trusted individual and he felt that it was most important that the bribery allegation be run out.

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Bufiles reflect that Sherrod was investigated in 1961 as a Departmental applicant. Basically the investigation revealed that Sherrod was highly regarded and considered a man of excellent character and reputation.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this matter be referred to the General Investigative Division and that the Washington Field Office be instructed to have two mature Agents contact Mr. Odom, secure a copy of the letter alleging the bribe and ascertain all additional available details. (Odom indicated he was most anxious that this matter be handled with discretion because although a false allegation was involved, he did not want the matter to reflect adversely on Senator Sparkman.)

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1 - Mr. Jones
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (58-New)(P)

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
Legislative Assistant to Senator Sparkman
BRIBERY
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ReBuairtel 5/15/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Birmingham is one copy each of the following documents: (1) letter dated 3/20/64, from ALLYNE BRADSHAW (Mrs. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW) to The President of the United States (2) a summary of information dated 3/20/64, addressed to President JOHNSON and sent by Mrs. BRADSHAW as an enclosure of Item Number 1 (3) a letter dated 3/10/64, from KENNETH BRADSHAW to Senator JOHN SPARKMAN (4) a letter dated 3/12/64, from Senator SPARKMAN, dictated by SHERROD, to BRADSHAW. Also enclosed for Birmingham is one copy of referenced airtel.

LEWIS G. ODOM, JR., Administrative Assistant to Senator SPARKMAN and Staff Director and General Counsel, Select Committee on Small Business (SCOSB), U. S. Senate, was interviewed on 5/15/64, by SA CARLTON V. BRODEN and ROBERT E. REISER.

ODOM advised that for some time the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company (BSFCo), Birmingham, Alabama, has been

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attempting to obtain a loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and during the period KENNETH BRADSHAW, President, BSFCo, has solicited the aid of SENATOR SPARKMAN and the SCOSB to get the loan approved. ODOM exhibited a file, two to three inches thick, containing correspondence of SCOSB with BRADSHAW. ODOM stated that when copies of the two communications dated 3/20/64, from Mrs. BRADSHAW to President JOHNSON, were received in the office of the SCOSB, ROBERT LOCHLIN, Associate General Counsel, gave them a cursory review and marked them for the file without noticing Mrs. BRADSHAW had made allegations concerning a senator's aide. ODOM stated it was not until the SBA instituted an investigation into Mrs. BRADSHAW's charges concerning the SBA and its employees that the matter was brought to the attention of Senator SPARKMAN that Mrs. BRADSHAW was alleging SHERROD had received a pay off.

The summary dated 3/20/64, sent by Mrs. BRADSHAW as enclosure to her letter to President JOHNSON, made several allegations concerning SBA's handling of the loan request. On Page 2 of the communication Mrs. BRADSHAW made the following two allegations pertinent to any Bureau investigations: (1) "SBA loans that have been turned down in Washington can be reconsidered and approved for a 2 per cent pay-off." (2) "Cancelled check endorsed by a senator's aide received for pay-off."

ODOM stated investigators of SBA talked to Mr. and Mrs. BRADSHAW, identified SHERROD as being the senator's aide mentioned by Mrs. BRADSHAW, and conducted no further investigation concerning SHERROD.

ODOM stated SHERROD, employed as a Justice Department attorney prior to being employed by SPARKMAN, had furnished the following information concerning the allegation: While he was working in SPARKMAN's office in Huntsville, Alabama, one BILL FISHER came into the office and identified himself as a close friend of Congressman FRANK W. BOYKIN. FISHER said he needed money and exhibited a $500 check signed by BRADSHAW, payable to FISHER, and asked SHERROD to help him get it cashed at a bank. SHERROD accompanied FISHER to the First National Bank in Huntsville, where he was asked to also endorse the check following FISHER's endorsement. ODOM stated he understands BRADSHAW retained a (FNU) CUNNINGHAM to help him raise capital; FISHER, in some manner, was associated with CUNNINGHAM, who had instructed BRADSHAW to issue a $500 check to FISHER for services rendered.

ODOM stated CUNNINGHAM is presently under indictment in Alabama for embezzling funds from BRADSHAW and latter

has hired LOUIS CATO, Birmingham attorney, to act as special counsel aiding prosecuting attorney in the case.

On 5/15/64, SA FRANCIS W. APPLER interviewed ARTHUR D. HORNER, Chief, Investigations Division, SBA, who exhibited a copy of a communication he was preparing for transmittal to the Bureau, the pertinent portions of which reads as follows:

"During the course of an investigation by this office of alleged irregularities concerning the above loan, Mr. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW, 820 Fowler Circle, Tarrant City, Alabama, President of subject company, advised that in December 1962, he retained one JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM to seek outside capital for his company, advanced him expense money for this purpose, and assigned him company stock to offer as collateral against any loans he might secure. Mr. BRADSHAW later determined that CUNNINGHAM had sold the stock instead, and as a result of charges brought against him, CUNNINGHAM was indicted in May 1963, for embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretenses.

"Mr. BRADSHAW stated that at the preliminary hearing on the charges, CUNNINGHAM said that the money advanced to him by BRADSHAW had been used to secure the subordination of notes receivable held by SBA, and that he turned over $500 to an aide of Senator SPARKMAN. Subordination of the notes was approved by SBA, Washington, D.C., in early 1963.

"Mr. BRADSHAW exhibited a cancelled check in his possession dated December 13, 1962, written on his company account in compliance with CUNNINGHAM's instructions in the amount of $500.00 and payable to BILLY E. FISHER who, BRADSHAW said, was an associate of CUNNINGHAM. This check was endorsed by FISHER and H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR, 415 Grant Street, S.E., Decatur, Alabama. Mr. BRADSHAW said that he telephoned this address, which he thought was the address of SHERROD's father, and found that SHERROD, JR., worked for Senator SPARKMAN (Alabama) and that in March 1964, at the request of the State Solicitor, Birmingham, he wrote Senator SPARKMAN to determine whether SHERROD still worked for him.

"Mr. BRADSHAW exhibited a letter from Senator SPARKMAN dated March 12, 1964, in which the Senator stated that SHERROD still worked for him and was living at 602 'E' Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.

"Mr. LEWIS K. CATO, Attorney, 307 Bank for Savings Building, Birmingham, Alabama, advised on April 16, 1964, that he had been retained by Mr. BRADSHAW and was also acting as advisor to the State Trial Solicitor in the criminal case against CUNNINGHAM. He stated that the case will be set for trial in the near future in the State Circuit Court, Birmingham, Alabama, and recommended that, if possible, CUNNINGHAM not be interviewed before the trial. He said that CUNNINGHAM is presently located in [redacted] where he is building a million dollar motel."

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No further investigation being conducted by WFO pending Bureau instructions. Suggested that if investigation authorized, Birmingham immediately interview the BRADSHAWS and FISHER and WFO immediately interview SHERROD in view of SPARKMAN's interest. WFO would also review SCOSB file for any pertinent information and obtain copy of SBA investigative report which HORNER said would be made available on 5/18/64. If Birmingham is authorized to interview BRADSHAWS, they should be made to explain allegation that SBA approval could be obtained after being turned down for a two per cent pay off. BRADSHAWS should also be questioned regarding allegation SBA Loan Specialist had written to Dr. JOHN D. JUSTICE requesting money as mentioned in Mrs. BRADSHAW's letter to ascertain if this is a request for a pay off.

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To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY

This will confirm the telephone conversation to SA Grant Nanna of your office this date.

Lewis G. Odom, Jr., Administrative Assistant to Senator Sparkman telephonically advised the Bureau that an individual has written to the President and several Government agencies alleging that captioned individual accepted a $500 bribe in connection with a matter affecting the Small Business Administration (SBA). According to Odom, SBA investigators are checking into this matter; however, Odom felt that since this matter alleged a violation within the FBI's jurisdiction, the FBI would want to look into it.

According to Odom, Sherrod in October of 1962, had been in Senator Sparkman's office at Huntsville, Alabama. An individual stopped by the Senator's Office, said he was a friend of ex-Congressman Boykin, had left his identification at home and asked Sherrod to identify him at the Huntsville bank so that he could cash a $500 check. Odom said that Sherrod made the requested identification at the bank and also endorsed the $500 check. He said that Sherrod's endorsement on the check had apparently led to the current claim that Sherrod had accepted a $500 bribe.

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Odom said he had complete confidence in Sherrod, that he was a highly trusted individual and he felt it was most important that the bribery allegation be run out. Bureau files reflect nothing of a derogatory nature concerning Sherrod.

Two mature Agents are to promptly contact Odom, secure a copy of the letter alleging the bribe and ascertain all additional details concerning this matter he might have. You must make certain that Odom is clearly informed that the FBI will conduct a discreet investigation as is always done by this agency; however, we cannot guarantee that this information will not become known to others as it will undoubtedly be necessary to conduct several interviews to fully develop this matter. Be sure that Odom fully understands this point as he advised that he was most anxious that the matter be handled with discretion as he did not want the matter to reflect adversely upon Senator Sparkman.

You are also to contact SBA and ascertain what action has and is being taken concerning this matter. Obtain all information available concerning the matter from SBA.

Immediately following these contacts, advise the Bureau of the results for consideration as to what further steps should be taken.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

May 18, 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Bradshaw Steel & Forge Co.
P. O. Box 6266 - Red Hollow Rd.
Birmingham 7, Alabama
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During the course of an investigation by this Agency of alleged irregularities concerning the above loan, Mr. Kenneth H. Bradshaw, 820 Fowler Circle, Tarrant City, Alabama, President of subject company, advised that in December 1962, he retained one John R. Cunningham to seek outside capital for his company, advanced him expense money for this purpose, and assigned him company stock to offer as collateral against any loans he might secure. Mr. Bradshaw later determined that Cunningham had sold the stock instead, and as a result of charges brought against him, Cunningham was indicted in May 1963 for embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Mr. Bradshaw stated that at the preliminary hearing on the charges, Cunningham said that the money advanced to him by Bradshaw had been used to secure the subordination of notes receivable held by SBA, and that he turned over $500 to an aide of Senator Sparkman. Subordination of the notes was approved by SBA, Washington, D. C. in early 1963.

Mr. Bradshaw exhibited a cancelled check in his possession dated December 13, 1962, written on his company account in compliance with Cunningham's instructions in the amount of $500.00 and payable to Billy E. Fisher who, Bradshaw said, was an associate of Cunningham. This check was endorsed by Fisher and H. Floyd Sherrod, Jr., 415 Grant Street, S.E., Decatur, Alabama. Mr. Bradshaw said that he telephoned this address, which he thought was the address of Sherrod's father, and found that Sherrod, Jr. worked for Senator Sparkman (Alabama) and that in March 1964, at the request of the State Solicitor, Birmingham, he wrote Senator Sparkman to determine whether Sherrod still worked for him.

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The above information is forwarded for your consideration and whatever action you deem advisable.

For further information, you may wish to contact Mr. Fred Foy, our Branch Manager, who is located at 2030 First Avenue, North, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Senator Sparkman is aware of the allegation concerning his aide. It is our understanding that his office will contact the FBI in Washington, D. C.

Please advise this Agency of any action taken by you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Arthur D. Horner

Arthur D. Horner, Chief
Investigations Division

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From: Di[illegible]r, FBI

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLA[illegible]IVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR [illegible]PARKMAN
BRIBERY

Louis G. Odom, Administrative Assistant to Senator John Sparkman on 5/15/64 furnished copies of letters (copies attached) to the President which allege that a payment was made to a Senator's aide in connection with a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan. The correspondence also alleged that it was necessary to make a 2% "payoff" to obtain SBA loans and that they have a check endorsed by "a Senator's aide" who received a payoff.

These letters, as will be noted, were written by Mrs. Kenneth H. Bradshaw in March, 1964, concerning a SBA loan her husband was attempting to obtain for his company, The Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, Birmingham, Alabama. Copies of these letters were furnished to Senator Sparkman's office in March, however, the identity of the aide was unknown and no action was taken at that time.

The SBA conducted an administrative check of the alleged irregularities concerning the loan finally obtained by Bradshaw and determined that the check in question was endorsed by H. Floyd Sherrod, Jr., Legislative Assistant to Senator Sparkman. Sherrod advised personnel in the Senator's office that he became involved in October, 1962, while he was in Senator Sparkman's Huntsville, Alabama, office. An individual stopped by the office

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who claimed to be a friend of ex-Congressman Boyken, had left his identification at home and asked Sherrod to identify him at the Huntsville Bank so that he could cash a $500 check. Sherrod supposedly made the requested identification and also endorsed the check which has led to the current claim. There is enclosed a copy of the investigative report of SBA for your information which indicates the $500 check was made payable to one Billy E. Fischer. Fischer was supposedly working with J. R. Cunningham to raise outside capital for Bradshaw's company. As will be noted, Bradshaw described Cunningham as a "top confidence man" to SBA personnel and is currently charging Cunningham with embezzlement of company funds.

Although the SBA at this point has no indication that Sherrod took any action on behalf of Bradshaw or his company, a full and complete investigation must be conducted promptly to fully resolve the matter. As will be noted, the investigative report of SBA covers matters other than instant case, and you should limit your inquiry strictly to the indicated $500 payment to Sherrod.

You should carefully review the material at the local office of SBA to determine if Sherrod took any action on behalf of Bradshaw or his company which might justify this payment. Thoroughly interview Bradshaw, his wife the complainant, Billy E. Fischer and any others you feel necessary.

WFO carefully analyze all correspondence at SBA Headquarters concerning a loan granted by SBA for any action Sherrod might have taken on behalf of the Bradshaw's and/or Fischer. Withhold the interview of Sherrod until we have completed all other phases of the investigation unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

This matter must receive top priority attention. Initiate investigation forthwith. Survey on completed investigation by 5/29/64. This investigation should be conducted in as discreet a

manner as possible recognizing, of course, the political ramifications involved. Keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. Copies of your report should not be disseminated to the USA locally, however, make sufficient copies so that dissemination may be made at a later date should it become necessary. The additional copies that might be used for dissemination should not be designated until such time as dissemination is made.

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FILE NUMBER 58-5660-4 IS AN

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 19, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY

Louis G. Odom, Jr., Administrative Assistant to Senator John Sparkman (D.-Ala.), was interviewed on 5/15/64, concerning the bribe matter he called to the attention of Mr. DeLoach's office on 5/14/64. He furnished copies of letters to the President which allege that a payment was made to a Senator's aide, later identified as an alleged payment of $500 to H. Floyd Sherrod, Jr., Legislative Assistant to Senator Sparkman.

The letters were written by Mrs. Kenneth H. Bradshaw in March, 1964, concerning a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan that her husband was attempting to obtain for his company, the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, Birmingham, Alabama. She alleged that it was necessary to make a two per cent "payoff" to obtain SBA loans and stated they have a check endorsed by "a Senator's aide" who received such a payoff. Odom advised that when copies of this correspondence were received at the Senator's office in March, they were given a cursory review and marked for file without noticing the allegation concerning the Senator's aide, Senator Sparkman was not informed and no action was taken until the SBA commenced its administrative investigation and determined that the alleged payoff related to Sherrod.

According to Odom, Sherrod became involved in this matter only through an attempt to assist an Alabama resident, identity unknown to Odom, in cashing a check. This individual stopped by Senator Sparkman's office in October, 1962, in Huntsville, Alabama, and requested assistance in cashing a $500 check, further details unknown to Odom, as he had left his identification at home. Sherrod identified this individual to the bank and at the request of the bank Sherrod also endorsed the check. It was through this endorsement that the current charges developed according to Odom. He indicated they are very interested in getting this matter resolved.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN

SBA has furnished results of its administrative investigation concerning the irregularities alleged by Bradshaw and immediately upon determining that a $500 check had been endorsed by Senator Sparkman's assistant, the administrative inquiry was discontinued for referral to the FBI. The $500 check in question was made payable to one Billy E. Fisher who was supposedly working with one J. R. Cunningham to raise outside capital for Bradshaw's company. Bradshaw described Cunningham as a "top confidence man" who is currently under indictment for embezzlement from this company. Nothing was developed by SBA to indicate Sherrod, assistant to Senator Sparkman, took any action on the part of Bradshaw or his company to obtain a SBA loan.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That a full and complete investigation be conducted into this matter.

2. If approved, Mr. DeLoach's office will advise Senator Sparkman's office that a full investigation is going forth.

June 3, 1964

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To: SAC, Birmingham (58-102)

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From: Director, FBI 58-56606

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY

ReBHrep of SA Henry A. Snow dated 5/28/64.

Immediately conduct appropriate investigation at the local bank concerning the $500 check in question. Although you were instructed to conduct your investigation in a discreet manner, you should not limit your investigation to do so. Senator Sparkman is aware that this matter is being fully investigated.

Immediately obtain full identity of the location of the complete file on the Small Business Administration transaction with the Bradshaws. It was indicated in rerep that the file has been furnished to the Regional Office in Atlanta. Furnish Atlanta adequate information for that office to conduct an immediate and thorough review of that file as to any influence or pressure applied by the subject of this case on behalf of the Bradshaws to obtain loans.

All offices are expected to conduct requested investigation within five days from receipt of communications. If it is necessary to set out leads for other offices, you are to instruct those offices to do likewise. This matter must receive expeditious attention and must be thoroughly developed.

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TITLE OF CASE

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN

REPORT MADE BY: SA HENRY A. SNOW — TYPED BY: ras

CHARACTER OF CASE

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REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Birmingham dated 5-22-64 with enclosures.

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TO BUREAU

One (1) copy of news clipping from Birmingham News, April 14, 1963, regarding arrest of JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM.

TO MOBILE

One (1) photostat of check in amount of $500.00 dated 12-13-62 payable to BILLY E. FISHER from Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, check number 0909 bearing notation "CONSULTING FEE REF. REFINANCING";

One (1) copy of Bureau airtel dated 5-22-64 to Birmingham.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

APPROVED [illegible] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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One (1) copy of news clipping from Birmingham News April 14, 1963, regarding arrest of JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM.

LEADS:

MOBILE:

At Mobile, Alabama:

Immediately interview BILLY E. FISHER in connection with check made payable to him in the amount of $500 dated December 13, 1962, issued by Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, Birmingham, allegedly for expense in connection with efforts of that company to obtain financial aid. From photostat of this check which is being forwarded to Mobile, it is noted that after the signature of FISHER, appears the endorsement H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR., 415 Grand Street, S. E., Decatur, Alabama. Mobile note from copy of referenced Bureau airtel May 22, 1964, which is being furnished Mobile, that SHERROD advised Senator SPARKMAN that while he was in the Senator's Huntsville, Alabama, office, an individual, presumably FISHER, who claimed to be connected with ex-Congressman BOYKIN, had requested SHERROD to identify him at a bank in Huntsville so that he could cash the $500 check where SHERROD supposedly made the identification and also endorsed the check in question. FISHER should be thoroughly interviewed in connection with this matter, and it be definitely determined from him whether the above is what actually transpired or whether SHERROD performed any services in connection with efforts of FISHER and CUNNINGHAM to gain additional refinancing of the Bradshaw Company from SBA. It is believed that FISHER may be located through Mrs. W. E. FISHER, [redacted] his mother, or through Attorney CECIL KING, First National Bank Building, Mobile, who is representing the victim of a fraud perpetrated by FISHER's associate, CUNNINGHAM, on a Mobile doctor. For possible future reference, Mobile also requested determine present whereabouts JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM. For further information of Mobile, Bureau has directed that no copies of investigative reports be indicated to U. S. Attorney at this time.

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WASHINGTON FIELD:

At Washington, D. C.:

Will after results of interview of BILLY E. FISHER

by Mobile Office had been received, await Bureau instructions as to whether interview with SHERROD is desired.

HOUSTON:

At Houston, Texas:

Will report any information in files concerning KENNETH H. BRADSHAW since BRADSHAW formerly resided in Houston.

BIRMINGHAM:

At Birmingham, Alabama:

Will withhold any inquiry at Huntsville Banks where instant check in amount of $500 was believed cashed by FISHER after SHERROD's endorsement pending instructions from the Bureau to do so. It was felt at this time that inquiries at Huntsville banks, the home of Senator SPARKMAN, would possibly have unfavorable reactions.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

For information of Mobile one of the enclosures with referenced Bureau airtel dated May 22, 1964, was that of investigative report prepared by the Small Business Administration based on letters written by Mrs. BRADSHAW to the President. From a review of this lengthy document, it appears that the BRADSHAWS were complaining generally against SBA and were very vindictive against that agency since the Bradshaw Plant had recently been assigned for liquidation by the original SBA Office of Atlanta. The Bureau had instructed Birmingham to confine the present inquiry only to the $500.00 check payable to FISHER and endorsed by SHERROD.

Efforts had been made to interview the ~~SHERRODS~~ BRADSHAWS at Birmingham during the period May 26-28, 1964, but since they were engaged in winding up their business affairs and packing household goods while visiting in the residence of a friend, it had been impossible to interview them until May 28, 1964. Appointments made during the previous day had been postponed and eventually cancelled by the BRADSHAWS. During their interview they continually berated the SBA and it was difficult to confine the interview with them concerning

the instant check in question.

Files of the Birmingham Office reflect no previous information concerning individuals mentioned in this report other than the case entitled HENRY FLOYD SHERROD, JR.; DAPLI - ATTORNEY HONOR RECRUIT, TAX DIVISION, and which investigation was conducted during October, 1961, and report submitted by SA WILLIAM H. LEE, Birmingham, August 22, 1961, containing entirely favorable information concerning that individual.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HENRY A. SNOW
Date: 5-28-64

Office: Birmingham

Field Office File #: 58-102

Bureau File #:

Title: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: During March, 1964, Mrs. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW (ALLYNE), Vice President, Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, directed letters to President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C., making general complaints against treatment of company of which her husband is president by Small Business Administration (SBA). Among general complaints was allegation that a check in the amount of $500.00 made payable to one BILLY E. FISHER dated 12-13-62 had been endorsed by H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR., of Decatur, Alabama, who is Legislative Assistant to U. S. Senator JOHN SPARKMAN of Alabama. The BRADSHAWS upon interview advised they had no definite information as to any illegal activities on part of SHERROD but considered it unusual that check bore his endorsement. FISHER at time check given him was an associate of one JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM in attempting to raise outside capital for the Bradshaw Company, which company now been taken over by the SBA after default in loans made to it. BRADSHAWS currently moving to Houston, Texas. SBA, Birmingham, advises definitely SHERROD not known and had no connection whatsoever with BRADSHAW's loan. The BRADSHAWS never questioned FISHER as to reason SHERROD's endorsement appeared on check as FISHER and CUNNINGHAM had departed Birmingham and CUNNINGHAM presently being prosecuted by the BRADSHAWS for conversion of stock in the company. FISHER reportedly resides Mobile, Alabama, and possibly related to former U. S. Congressman FRANK BOYKIN of Mobile. CUNNINGHAM's whereabouts unknown.

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished by the Bureau as follows:

"LOUIS G. ODOM, Aministrative Assistant to Senator JOHN SPARKMAN on 5/15/64 furnished copies of letters (copies attached) to the President which allege that a payment was made to a Senator's aide in connection with a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan. The correspondence also alleged that it was necessary to make a 2% "payoff" to obtain SBA loans and that they have a check endorsed by "a Senator's aide" who received a payoff.

These letters, as will be noted, were written by Mrs. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW in March, 1964, concerning a SBA loan her husband was attempting to obtain for his company, The Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, Birmingham, Alabama. Copies of these letters were furnished to Senator SPARKMAN's office in March, however, the identity of the aide was unknown and no action was taken at that time.

The SBA conducted an administrative check of the alleged irregularities concerning the loan finally obtained by Bradshaw and determined that the check in question was endorsed by H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR., Legislative Assistant to Senator SPARKMAN. SHERROD advised personnel in the Senator's office that he became involved in October, 1962, while he was in Senator SPARKMAN's Huntsville, Alabama, office. An individual stopped by the office who claimed to be a friend of ex-Congressman BOYKIN, had left his identification at home and asked SHERROD to identify him at the Huntsville Bank so that he could cash a $500 check. SHERROD supposedly made the requested identification and also endorsed the check which has led to the current claim. There is enclosed a copy of the investigative report of SBA for your information which indicates the $500 check was made payable to one BILLY E. FISHER. FISHER was supposedly working with J. R. CUNNINGHAM to raise outside capital for BRADSHAW's company. As will be noted, BRADSHAW described CUNNINGHAM as a "top confidence man" to SBA personnel and is currently charging CUNNINGHAM with embezzlement of company funds."

The Bureau also furnished a communication from Mr. ARTHUR D. HORNER, Chief, Investigations Division, Small

Business Administration, Washington, D. C., a portion of which is as follows:

"Re: Bradshaw Steel & Forge Co.
P.O. Box 6266-Red Hollow Rd.
Birmingham 7, Alabama
L-195,165-BHAM(R)
L-195,155-BHAM

During the course of an investigation by this Agency of alleged irregularities concerning the above loan, Mr. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW, 820 Fowler Circle, Tarrant City, Alabama, President of subject company, advised that in December, 1962, he retained one JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM to seek outside capital for his company, advanced him expense money for this purpose and assigned him company stock to offer as collateral against any loans he might secure. Mr. BRADSHAW later determined that Cunningham had sold the stock instead, and as a result of charges brought against him, Cunningham was indicted in May, 1963, for embezzlement and obtaining money under false pretenses.

Mr. BRADSHAW stated that at the preliminary hearing on the charges, CUNNINGHAM said that the money advanced to him by BRADSHAW had been used to secure the subordination of notes receivable held by SBA, and that he turned over $500 to an aide of Senator SPARKMAN. Subordination of the notes was approved by SBA, Washington, D. C., in early 1963.

Mr. BRADSHAW exhibited a cancelled check in his possession dated December 13, 1962, written on his company account in compliance with CUNNINGHAM's instructions in the amount of $500.00 and payable to BILLY E. FISHER who, BRADHSAW said, was an associate of CUNNINGHAM. This check was endorsed by FISHER and H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR., 415 Grant Street, S. E., Decatur, Alabama. Mr. BRADSHAW said that he telephoned this address, which he thought was the address of SHERROD's father, and found that SHERROD, JR., worked for Senator SPARKMAN (Alabama) and that in March, 1964, at the request of the State Solicitor, Birmingham, he wrote Senator SPARKMAN to determine whether SHERROD still worked for him.

Mr. BRADSHAW exhibited a letter from Senator SPARKMAN dated March 12, 1964, in which the Senator stated that SHERROD still worked for him and was living at 602 "E" Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.

Mr. LEWIS K. CATO, Attorney, 307 Bank for Savings Building, Birmingham, Alabama, advised on April 16, 1964, that he had been retained by Mr. BRADSHAW and was also acting as advisor to the State Trial Solicitor in the criminal case against CUNNINGHAM. He stated that the case will be set for trial in the near future in the State Circuit Court, Birmingham, Alabama, and recommended that, if possible, CUNNINGHAM not be interviewed before the trial. He said that CUNNINGHAM is presently located in [redacted] where he is building a million dollar motel." b6 b7C

On May 26, 1964, it was determined that the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company Plant on the Pinson Highway near Birmingham was closed and the telephone disconnected.

On May 26, 1964, efforts were made to interview Mr. FRED FOY, Branch Manager, SBA, 2030 1st Avenue North but Mr. FOY was found to be in Washington, D. C., during the current week.

In the absence of Mr. FOY, Mr. J. P. NATION, Assistant to Mr. FOY and Loan Specialist, SBA, was contacted. He advised that although the complete file relating to the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company had been forwarded to the Liquidation Section of the area office of SBA at Atlanta, Georgia, that he nevertheless was thoroughly familiar with the file and had duplicated copies of material from which he felt he might supply any requested information.

Mr. NATION stated that most definitely H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR., is not known to his agency in any capacity regarding efforts of the BRADSHAW Company to refinance its loans to SBA and that Mr. SHERROD had never acknowledged in any capacity in connection with the BRADSHAWS' loans. He advised that he had never met Mr. SHERROD and did not believe he had ever been in the SBA Office at Birmingham. As background information, Mr. NATION stated that Mr. BRADSHAW had started his business of making steel forgings in the old Wainwright Shipyard Plant at Panama City, Florida, about five years ago and after two years unsuccessful operation at that location, had moved his plant to the location at which it had been operated from the Pinson Highway out from Tarrant City near Birmingham for the past three years. He advised that his agency is involved in two loans, one in the amount of $153,000 made to BRADSHAW while at the Panama City address and one in the amount of $195,000.00 after the plant

was moved to Birmingham. He advised that the total amount estimated to BRADSHAW was $348,000, and that after Mr. and Mrs. BRADSHAW had endeavored to increase the amount of their loan, it had been explained to them that their company was only $2,000 short of the limit of $350,000 which SBA is authorized to loan. He stated that the company was losing money and although he personally had attempted to assist the BRADSHAWS in locating additional capital from private sources, that they were unsuccessful and therefore, SBA had been compelled to transfer their file to the Liquidation Section in Atlanta to work out something to protect SBA's interest in the matter. He stated that BRADSHAW as of early 1964, had been compelled to give up the plant since he could find no outside capital for investment in it and that it was after this that the BRADSHAWS became very vindictive against SBA and began writing to Congressional and Senatorial members around the country as well as the President in which they vilified the local office of SBA for allowing them to be forced out of business. He advised that the company had lost $235,000 in its operation during the four years seven months prior to November, 1963. He advised that he understood the BRADSHAWS had moved to Houston, Texas, but that their attorney, LEWIS CATO, might possible know how to contact them. He stated that BILLY E. FISHER is believed to be a resident of [redacted] and that JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM was supposedly from Washington, D. C. He stated that both these individuals had at one time endeavored to secure outside capital for investment in the BRADSHAW Company but without success and that CUNNINGHAM is presently under indictment in State Court on charges preferred by Mr. BRADSHAW. b6 b7C

On May 26, 1964, Mr. LEWIS K. CATO, Attorney, 307 Bank for Savings Building, stated that he had been retained by Mr. BRADSHAW to assist in the prosecution of JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM presently under indictment after charges had been made by BRADSHAW that CUNNINGHAM had converted to his own use certain stock which was to be used as a pledge as security for loans from private sources for the benefit of the Bradshaw Company. Mr. CATO stated that he personally felt that all of the complaints made by the BRADSHAWS against SBA at Birmingham were without foundation and that he could see no real reason for such complaints. He arranged for contact with Mr. BRADSHAW who was temporarily visiting a friend in Birmingham after having given up his residence at 820 Fowler Circle, Tarrant City, Birmingham.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 28, 1964

Mr. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW was interviewed at the Birmingham FBI Office where he voluntarily appeared and in the presence of his wife, Mrs. ALLYNE BRADSHAW. At the time of interview Mr. BRADSHAW stated that he had no further or additional information of value other than that which he had previously given to an investigator for the Small Business Administration (SBA), during April, 1964. He produced the original of a check dated December 13, 1962, in the amount of $500.00 issued by the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, Birmingham, by his wife, Mrs. ALLYNE BRADSHAW, as Vice President, check number 0909 payable to BILLY E. FISHER which bore the notation on the face that it was issued for "CONSULTING FEE REF. REFINANCING". This check bore the endorsed signature BILLY E. FISHER and the further endorsement "H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR., 415 Grant Street S. E., Decatur, Alabama. A bank stamp on the reverse thereof although partly illegible, bears the date December 14, and "The First National Bank of _____", also what appears to be bank number 6 (ill.) -1. On the face of the check appears the bank stamp of 61-569 paid December 18, 1962. The reverse side also had a bank number 61-78. Mr. BRADSHAW made available this check for the purpose of securing photostat thereof.

Mr. BRADSHAW stated that he had never questioned BILLY E. FISHER as to how the signature of SHERROD happened to be on the reverse side of the check and explained that by stating that FISHER and his "Confidence Man Associate" JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM had been engaged by him to attempt to arrange outside capital for investment in his company and that this check was one of five similar checks all in the same amount and dated the same day payable to either CUNNINGHAM or FISHER allegedly as expenses in connection with their efforts. He stated that they left Birmingham after a short period and that he had never noted SHERROD's endorsement until a considerable length of time later after he had become convinced that the Birmingham SBA Office was treating him unjustly. He stated that he has no information as to how SHERROD's name happened to appear as an endorser on the check but considered it suspicious since he had later determined that SHERROD was employed in the Office of Senator SPARKMAN at Washington, D.C.

On 5-28-64 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 58-102

by SA HENRY A. SNOW:ras Date dictated 5-28-64

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Mr. BRADSHAW related that he had charged CUNNINGHAM with misappropriation of funds from his company after he had determined that CUNNINGHAM had utilized a stock issue of 50,000 shares for his personal use whereas he had been furnished the stock in order to negotiate with private investors and said stock was to be used as security for loans from private individuals. He advised that the case against CUNNINGHAM is presently pending in Circuit Court in Birmingham and that CUNNINGHAM had been indicted. He did not know the present address of CUNNINGHAM and stated that CUNNINGHAM, while supposedly attempting to secure capital for his company, had resided at the Colony Motor Court along with FISHER and that subsequently he had attempted to correspond with him at the address given him which was the John R. Cunningham Enterprises, 800 4th Street S.W., Washington, D.C., but his letter had been returned.

He believed that FISHER resides in [redacted] since other checks in the amount of $500.00 as mentioned by him previously, had been endorsed by FISHER's mother, Mrs. W. E. FISHER, [redacted] and deposited to the First National Bank of that city. b6 b7C

Mr. BRADSHAW furnished a news clipping from which photostats were made which appeared in the April 14, 1963, issue of the Birmingham News containing details of the arrest of JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM. He stated that he may be reached in the future in C/O 2210 9th Street, Galina Park, Houston, Texas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 28 1964

Mrs. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW (ALLYNE), interviewed at the Birmingham Office in the presence of her husband, advised that she could supply no further or additional information than previously given by herself and her husband to an investigator of the Small Business Administration(SBA) nor could she supply any additional information than furnished by her husband at the Birmingham FBI Office on May 28, 1964, in her presence.

Mrs. BRADSHAW advised that on the date of interview she was returning to Houston, Texas, which is her home and that her husband would follow her there shortly where they might be reached if necessary at 2210 9th Street, Galina Park, Houston, Texas.

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ENCLOSURE

JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM

Bond set for man on dual charge

John R. Cunningham, 50, [illegible] address was listed as [illegible] Apartment Hotel, was released from County Jail [illegible] bonds of $10,000 after his arrest on charges of embezzlement and false pretense.

Bond for Cunningham, who was arrested by Deputy Sheriff James W. Lloyd, originally was set at $25,000 in the embezzlement case, but was reduced to $5,000 by Circuit Judge Wallace C. Gibson on recommendation of Deputy Solicitor Burgin Hawkins.

Both warrants for Cunningham were sworn out by Kenneth H. Bradshaw, president of Bradshaw Steel & Forge Co. on the Pinson Highway.

THE EMBEZZLEMENT warrant charges Cunningham with embezzling or fraudulently converting 50,000 shares of negotiable common stock of the Bradshaw company to his own use.

In the false pretense warrant, Cunningham is charged with obtaining a promissory note for $5,000 from Bradshaw by asserting he was the owner of a mortgage recorded in the District of Columbia.

According to Hawkins, Cunningham obtained the 50,000 shares of stock, with a book value of about $25,000, after asserting he could obtain a loan for the company with the stock pledged as security.

Cunningham, according to Hawkins, sold the stock to a Birmingham physician for $10,000 and failed to turn the proceeds over to Bradshaw. The sale was discovered, Hawkins said, when the physician asked the company to reissue the stock in his name.

The deputy solicitor said that Cunningham, in the false pretense case, told Bradshaw he was the owner of the mortgage covering 21 lots in Hillsborough County (Tampa), Fla.

CUNNINGHAM pretended, according to the warrant, that the mortgage had not been transferred prior to Dec. 4, 1962. The mortgage was bona fide, Hawkins said, but was found to have been foreclosed on.

The promissory note for $5,000 which Cunningham obtained from Bradshaw in return for assignment of the mortgage was discounted at a Mobile bank and the money turned over to Cunningham, Hawkins said.

The deputy solicitor said Cunningham is reported to have given $1,000 of the money received from the note to a Mobile lawyer who helped him get the note discounted in Mobile, [illegible] Hawkins said.

According to Hawkins, Cunningham came here some time and maintained a suite at the [illegible] from Washington, D. C. apartment hotel on Highland Avenue.

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TO DIRE AND BIRMINGHAM 58-102

FROM MOBILE 58-69

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR., LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR SPARKMAN - BRIBERY.

RE BH REPORT MAY TWO EIGHT INSTANT. MOTHER OF BILLY E. FISHER, NOW LIVING [redacted] b6 b7C ADVISED THIS DATE HER SON NOT COMING MOBILE THIS DATE FOR WEEKEND AS THOUGHT BY HER EARLIER THIS WEEK. SHE SAID FISHER STAYING AT TRAVEL, LODGE, BIRMINGHAM.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (58-102) (P)

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
TO SENATOR SPARKMAN;
BRIBERY
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Re Jackson airtel dated 8/24/64 to Bureau, Birmingham, and Jackson Offices.

Attached for possible dissemination by the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum recording an interview with JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM. Copies of this communication are being furnished Jackson in order that that office might be informed of the fact that CUNNINGHAM has been contacted at Birmingham.

Upon production of the lengthy transcript of proceeds mentioned by CUNNINGHAM, which will be made available through his attorney at Birmingham, same will be reviewed and any pertinent portions thereof will be made available for dissemination to the Department.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

1400 - 2121 Building

Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

August 29, 1964

RE: JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM

On August 26, 1964, Mr. JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM appeared at the Birmingham office of the FBI where he was interviewed by Special Agent HENRY A. SNOW.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM advised that he resides in [redacted] with his wife, but that he frequently travels through Birmingham, Alabama, since he has several building projects in the Huntsville, Alabama, area. b6 b7C

He advised that he has only recently been released from the hospital after [redacted] b6 b7C

Mr. CUNNINGHAM was questioned concerning any statement attributed to KENNETH H. BRADSHAW to the effect that CUNNINGHAM reportedly said that he had turned over $500.00 of money advanced him by BRADSHAW to an aide of Senator JOHN SPARKMAN. Mr. CUNNINGHAM vehemently denied ever having made any such statement and stated that if Mr. BRADSHAW had made such a statement, that it was a "downright lie" or else the figment of the imagination of BRADSHAW, whom CUNNINGHAM described as being a psychopathic case. He stated that after he and BILLY E. FISHER had been employed by BRADSHAW during December of 1962 to attempt to locate outside capital for the BRADSHAW COMPANY, which was then on the verge of foreclosure by the Small Business Administration, that they had made a connection with private capital which would have resulted in a substantial amount being produced but that BRADSHAW had learned

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of their contact and sources of the proposed private capital and had then cut him and FISHER off. He stated that this resulted in considerable disagreement between BRADSHAW and himself and eventually lead to the filing of a civil suit by BRADSHAW in Birmingham for recovery of certain money claimed by BRADSHAW to have been converted to his, CUNNINGHAM's own use. This also had lead to the filing of criminal proceedings in Circuit Court at Birmingham against him by BRADSHAW.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM recalled that during the preliminary hearing at which he was charged with embezzlement by BRADSHAW, that some questions were asked in an apparent attempt to discredit him as to whether or not he had paid any money to Senator SPARKMAN. Mr. CUNNINGHAM repeated that this line of questioning, was of course, without foundation whatsoever. He stated that he has at his residence at [redacted] a lengthy transcript of the testimony at the preliminary hearing in Circuit Court at Birmingham and that on his next visit to Birmingham, he will make this transcript of testimony available for review by an Agent of the FBI to determine whether any pertinent questions or information might be contained therein having any bearing on the matter concerning which he was interviewed. b6 b7C

Mr. CUNNINGHAM repeated similar information as previously furnished by his partner, BILLY E. FISHER, as to how the check in the amount of $500.00, dated December 13, 1962, came to be endorsed by Mr. H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR. at a bank in Huntsville, Alabama. He advised, as had previously been done by FISHER, that the case of the endorsement came only as a matter of courtesy on the part of SHERROD in introducing FISHER to the bank at Huntsville, Alabama, for the purpose of having the check cashed. He stated that he was not then present but knew definitely that FISHER had not given SHERROD any of the proceeds of the check and would not have had any reason to do so. He recalled that he, himself, had been mailed approximately half of the proceeds of the check by FISHER by FISHER's personal check since that amount was due him, CUNNINGHAM, as his portion of the expense money for which the check was given by BRADSHAW.

RE: JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM

Mr. CUNNINGHAM concluded the interview by giving his opinion of BRADSHAW as being a mentally incompetent person and stated that he is confident that the charges brought against him by BRADSHAW at Birmingham will be resolved in his favor. He stated that he also had filed countercharges against BRADSHAW charging him with having caused an illegal arrest of himself and mentioned that he had never previously been charged.

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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (58-130) (RUC)

SUBJECT: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY
(OO: Birmingham)

RE: Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW at Birmingham dated 5/28/64.

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

A check of the indices of the Houston Division reveals no information concerning KENNETH H. BRADSHAW.

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TITLE OF CASE

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN

REPORT MADE BY: SA FRANK R. SOUTHERLAND (A) | TYPED BY: :saa

CHARACTER OF CASE

BRIBERY

REFERENCE: Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW, 5/28/64, at Birmingham.
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Copy to:

Report of: SA FRANK R. SOUTHERLAND
Date: June 11, 1964

Office: Atlanta

Field Office File No.: 58-218

Bureau File No.:

Title: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: Files of Regional Office, Small Business Administration (SBA), Atlanta, examined and contain no mention of subject and no indication subject connected in any way with instant matter. Files reflect BRADSHAW granted two loans by SBA totaling $348,000 and he applied for additional loan which was denied. Loans became delinquent and turned over to USA, Birmingham, for foreclosure on 4/28/64. Mr. and Mrs. BRADSHAW wrote numerous letters to President of U.S. and to various U. S. Senators and Congressmen, businessmen, bankers complaining of actions of SBA.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 10, 1964

Files of the Regional Office, Small Business Administration (SBA), 90 Fairley Street, Atlanta, Georgia, were made available by Mr. BEN T. JONES, Chief, Loans and Liquidation Section and were examined on June 8 - 9, 1964.

These files reflected that Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company applied for a loan of $153,000 bearing docket number L-186676-BHAM; on November 12, 1959, that this loan was authorized by SBA on May 16, 1960, and proceeds were disbursed to BRADSHAW on October 11, 1960, and the loan was to mature September 30, 1967.

BRADSHAW again applied for an additional loan of $195,000 bearing docket number L-187507-BHAM; which was authorized on December 9, 1960, by SBA and disbursed to BRADSHAW on December 22, 1960, and was to mature on May 19, 1969.

BRADSHAW subsequently applied for a refunding loan of $350,000 which was declined on October 14, 1963, and November 21, 1963, by SBA.

Files of SBA contain copies of individual letters dated November 26, 1963, which were addressed by FRED H. FOY, Branch Manager, SBA, Birmingham, Alabama, to the following individuals:

Honorable LISTER B. HILL
U. S. Senator

Honorable GEORGE HUDDLESTON, JR.
House of Representatives

Honorable JOHN SPARKMAN
U. S. Senator

The President
Washington, D. C.

Honorable RALPH YARBOROUGH
U. S. Senator

On 6/9/64 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 58-218

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Honorable WRIGHT PATMAN
House of Representatives

Honorable ALBERT THOMAS
House of Representatives

Honorable BOB CASEY
House of Representatives

These letters stated that since SBA files indicate each of these individuals has expressed interest in the BRADSHAW loans they were being advised that a recent application for a loan in the amount of $350,000 was reconsidered and that it was regreted that SBA was unable to approve the loan for the following reasons:

1. Lack of reasonable assurance of ability to repay the loan and other obligations from earnings;

2. Inadequate working capital after loan.

The files of the Regional Office, SBA, Atlanta, failed to reflect the name H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR. and failed to reflect that he had any connection or had expressed any interest whatsoever in the loans to BRADSHAW.

These files did reflect however, that Mr. and Mrs. BRADSHAW had contacted the President of the United States, numerous United States Senators and Congressmen, as well as numerous business enterprises in Birmingham and Houston, Texas, complaining of treatment by SBA.

The files contained a copy of a letter dated May 17, 1960, from FRED H. FOY, Branch Manager, SBA, Birmingham, Alabama, to KEN BRADSHAW, Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, Panama City, Florida, advising that SBA, on May 16, 1960, approved a direct loan to his company for $153,000 and that formal authorization outlining terms and conditions was in the process of being prepared and would be forwarded to him within a few days.

A memorandum in the file dated June 21, 1960, from J. P. NATION, SBA Financial Specialist, to the file reflects NATION told BRADSHAW that SBA could not disburse his loan until pending litigation and income tax matters were cleared up and that BRADSHAW should write SBA requesting cancellation of the authorization for the loan and submit application for a new loan after such matters were cleared up. This memorandum indicated that BRADSHAW indicated he would request cancellation of the authorization but would not make a new application and that he was going to close his plant and request Arron Machinery Company to take possession of machinery bought from them and that he would take his $287,000 loss and get out.

A memorandum to the file by NATION dated June 28, 1960, states that BRADSHAW called on June 27, 1960 and stated he had received a call from the Administrative Assistant to Congressman ALBERT THOMAS, Texas, and Chairman of the Independent Offices Appropriations Committee. BRADSHAW thought THOMAS was connected with Commercial State Bank, Houston, Texas, and that this bank might have discounted his note or accepted his account as collateral. BRADSHAW owes Olds Press and Forge Company, Houston, Texas, $22,000 and had agreed to pay them $5,000 when the SBA loan was disbursed. BRADSHAW stated THOMAS' office wanted to know what was holding up the loan.

By letter dated June 30, 1960, FOY sent BRADSHAW an authorization and letter of acceptance under which the loan was to be disbursed and requested that he study it and if agreeable sign the acceptance letter and return it.

On August 20, 1960, BRADSHAW wrote letters, copies of which were sent to SBA, to the following individuals complaining of alleged stalling on the part of Miss MARY WRIGHT, Branch Office Attorney, and asking assistance:

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Honorable LYNDON B. JOHNSON
Then Senator

Honorable ALBERT THOMAS
U. S. Congressman

Honorable BOB CASEY
U. S. Congressman

By letter dated August 22, 1960, from FOY to BRADSHAW, copies to the above mentioned individuals, FOY disagreed with BRADSHAW's complaint and pointed out that BRADSHAW had not arranged settlement of his income tax problems, nor had he made the proper assignment on an O.T.M. contract.

A memorandum from FOY to the file dated August 24, 1960, states JOHN CORBIN of the Washington Office of SBA discussed the loan over the telephone and indicated there was considerable Congressional inquiry concerning it.

A letter from BRADSHAW to MARY E. WRIGHT on August 26, 1960, again complained of alleged unwarranted delays and copies were again sent to the above mentioned Senators and Congressmen.

A memorandum from FOY to the file on August 29, 1960, states he feels Miss WRIGHT handled disbursement of the loan properly and to the best of her ability; that SBA was awaiting definite and final information on the assignment of the O.T.M. contract and a definite arrangement with Internal Revenue for taxes and that some modifications would have to be made on the original authorization. FOY recommended that another attorney handle the disbursement.

By letter dated August 29, 1960, BRADSHAW was advised by FOY that another attorney, BERNARD W. WEST, from the Atlanta Office of SBA, would handle disbursement and stated that modification of the authorization would have to be made in connection with the O.T.M. contract whereby funds might be made available to offset income tax liabilities.

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By letter dated August 22, 1960, Congressman BOB CASEY wrote PHILIP McCALLUM, Administrator, SBA, Washington, D. C., stating that it seemed ridiculous that a loan could not be closed out within three months after SBA had granted approval and requested McCALLUM to check into it and take necessary steps to expedite the loan and requested a full report on the delay.

By letter dated September 6, 1960, McCALLUM advised Congressman CASEY of the approval of the loan on May 16, 1960, and the closing and disbursement were being handled by the Birmingham Office; that delays were results of certain matters that arose after approval that were unknown to SBA at the time of approval; that these matters concerned a matter of personal income taxes; a small judgment against the company in Panama City and a dispute between the company and a supplier over an order for machinery which was cancelled before delivery. He stated that since the end of June, 1960, one of SBA's financial specialist had been assigned to expedite the closing and that the file had been forwarded to the Atlanta Regional Office on August 31, 1960, for disbursement with instructions to expedite.

A memorandum dated October 11, 1960, from DAVID L. COKER, acting Regional Attorney, SBA, Atlanta, to the Regional Office Cashier, SBA, Atlanta, requested that a check for $153,000 be issued, payable to BRADSHAW, and delivered to B. W. WEST, JR., for personal disbursement to be made on October 11, 1960.

A memorandum dated October 17, 1960, from WEST to FOY reflects that full disbursement was made to BRADSHAW on October 12, 1960; that BRADSHAW seemed happy and stated he is submitting application for a supplemental loan.

The file reflects that BRADSHAW applied for a second loan for $195,000 which was authorized by SBA on December 9, 1960, and disbursed on December 22, 1960.

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The file also contains a copy of a letter from C. V. "BUSTER" KERN, Sheriff, Houston, Texas, to then Senator LYNDON B. JOHNSON requesting that Senator JOHNSON assist BRADSHAW in any way possible.

There was also a letter in the file dated December 16, 1960, from Senator JOHNSON to SBA, Washington, D. C., enclosing a copy of that letter and requesting serious consideration of the application based on its merits and asking for a report as soon as possible.

JOHNSON was advised that the loan had been approved on December 9, 1960.

A memorandum to the file dated March 28, 1961, from W. J. EDMONDSON, Loan Examiner, SBA, reflects that BRADSHAW had stated he was trying to raise additional money to construct a new building and that if he was unable to do so he would request SBA to defer approximately twenty monthly installments on each loan in order that he could construct this new building and that this was a last resort.

A news clipping dated April 19, 1961, contained in the file announced that BRADSHAW was building a new plant and moving to Alabama.

BRADSHAW wrote a letter dated January 22, 1962, to FOY stating that if it had not been for loans made by SBA his company would not then be in existence; that it could not have survived and he thanked personnel of SBA for their splendid cooperation and stated that such cooperation had been beyond anything he personally had ever experienced or expected.

A memorandum dated October 2, 1962, from L. H. BLAYLOCK, Loan Specialist, SBA, to the file states BRADSHAW's loans were in difficulty and it appeared that it would be necessary to defer payments already delinquent and also approximately six additional payments if the company was to continue operation.

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A letter dated January 22, 1964, from LOGAN B. HENDRICKS, Acting Deputy Administrator, SBA, to Honorable JOHN SPARKMAN, United States Senator, states it is a reply to SPARKMAN's inquiry of January 17, 1964, in behalf of BRADSHAW, who had requested additional assistance to complete negotiations for the sale of the company; that the matter had been returned to the Birmingham Office for serving; that BRADSHAW would be given a reasonable time in which to endeavor to dispose of the business as a going concern.

This same letter, although dated January 21, 1964, went to Senator LISTER HILL, Congressman BOB CASEY, and Congressman GEORGE HUDDLESTON, JR. Also, the same letter, although dated January 27, 1964, went to Senator RALPH YARBOROUGH.

A letter dated January 10, 1964, from BRADSHAW to United States Senator RALPH YARBOROUGH states that YARBOROUGH was mailed a copy of a letter dated December 17, 1963, from PIERRON R. LEEF, Acting Deputy Administrator, SBA, Washington, D. C., and it advised that SBA would make a refunding loan and a copy of BRADSHAW's answer of December 20. 1963. This letter stated that several days after that letter was written by LEEF, Mr. FOY turned the present loans over to the Liquidation Section in Atlanta and BRADSHAW was asking help from Senator YARBOROUGH with SBA so that he could have opportunity to complete negotiations for the sale of the company.

By letter dated January 8, 1964, BRADSHAW advised President LYNDON B. JOHNSON that he had forwarded thirty-two pieces of correspondence to President JOHNSON pointing out SBA intentions to close businesses, thereby increasing unemployment and causing hardships. He states in this letter that he has also shown this correspondence to more than sixty outstanding business and bank leaders in Houston, Texas, and Birmingham, Alabama, and that they have all stated that they had heard SBA was poorly operated and would kill business and that after receipt of his communications they knew it.

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A copy of that letter was directed to Honorable RALPH YARBOROUGH.

A letter from Mr. LEEF dated December 17, 1963, to BRADSHAW states that SBA is unwilling to approve a loan of $350,000 unless it has evidence that the net funds which would be available to BRADSHAW would be in the $60,000 range; that since the applied for loan would only provide approximately $30,000 of that amount BRADSHAW must provide evidence that the approximate difference would be available from other sources and on terms which would not add further to his debt servicing burden. This letter stated that should BRADSHAW be successful in raising the difference and the $350,000 loan was disbursed, it was believed it would still be unsound and that repayment would have to come from liquidation of collateral rather than from operating profits and that the loan would be made under such circumstances only because SBA recognized the desperate situation.

The file indicates that both SBA and BRADSHAW were active in trying to obtain buyers for the company as a going concern.

On January 24, 1964, BRADSHAW wrote his attorney, LEWIS K. CATO, Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that he was attaching some of the letters which he had received in reply to recent letters he had mailed to outstanding businessmen in Birmingham informing them of the injustices of FRED FOY and the SBA; that the largest combined assistance which he had received from elected officials in Congress and the Senate was from Texas and Congressman GEORGE HUDDLESTON, JR. was the only official from Alabama who had helped him. He felt that being an Alabama concern the Alabama delegation should have helped and particularly Senator SPARKMAN in his position as Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Small Business.

BRADSHAW also wrote a letter on December 2, 1963, to ROBERT R. LOCKLIN, Associate General Consultant, Senate Select Committee on Small Business, Washington, D. C., complaining about actions of SBA in not making his loan and accusing SBA of intentions of destroying the company and himself.

By letter dated February 12, 1964, Congressman HUDDLESTON wrote FRED FOY expressing interest in Mr. and Mrs. BRADSHAW and their request to be relieved as guar antors on the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company notes to SBA.

He urged a prompt and favorable decision.

FOY replied on February 14, 1964, that it was impossible to give consideration to releasing Mr. and Mrs. BRADSHAW in this connection and that the company was and had been in trouble for many months.

In this connection the file indicates that BRADSHAW had requested release as guartantor in connection with the above by letter to FOY dated February 7, 1964.

The same date reflected that BRADSHAW advised ARTHUR C. PERRY, Assistant to the President of the United States, of his request for the above mentioned release and requested PERRY's assistance.

This letter to PERRY was forwarded to SBA and by letter dated February 20, 1964, MARVIN S. CROSS, Acting Branch Manager, SBA, Birmingham, advised PERRY of the recommendation of the Birmingham Office that BRADSHAW's request be denied but that final decision would be made by SBA, Washington, D. C.

The file reflects that BRADSHAW's request was denied on February 25, 1964.

By letter dated March 10, 1964, BRADSHAW requested FOY to return some blueprints and sent a copy of that letter to President JOHNSON, Honorable JOHN SPARKMAN, and Honorable GEORGE HUDDLESTON, JR.

HUDDLESTON, by letter dated March 13, 1964, requested FOY to do what he could to furnish the blueprints to BRADSHAW.

By letter dated March 20, 1964, Mrs. BRADSHAW wrote President JOHNSON complaining that SBA was not operating as Congress intended and she itemized her complaint as follows:

1. FRED FOY, Birmingham Branch Manager, SBA, refused to accept BRADSHAW's application for a refunding loan in November, 1962, May, 1963, and July, 1963.

2. FOY's recorded conversation where he states, "If you get a loan it will not be from us."

3. RALPH FARNUM's recorded conversation where he states the Washington Office of SBA was aware there was sufficient collateral for the refunding loan.

4. FOY would not see or discuss findings of SBA's financial expert, DAVID EPSTEIN, even though EPSTEIN went to the Birmingham Office to see him. FOY would not discuss figures with BRADSHAW's Certified Public Accountant.

5. A letter from a Texas Congressman who talked to Washington SBA officials stated SBA's attitude was that they were not going to make the loan regardless of the amount of capital injected.

In this letter Mrs. BRADSHAW also claims that she has the following information concerning SBA improprieties:

1. SBA loans that have been turned down in Washington can be reconsidered for approval for a 2% payoff.

2. Cancelled check endorsed by a Senate Aide received for payoff.

3. A handwritten letter from SBA loan specialist to Dr. JOHN D. JUSTICE requesting money. (The file discloses BRADSHAW was leasing property from JUSTICE.)

4. FOY turned BRADSHAW's loans over to the Liquidation Section two days after Washington stated that they would make the refunding loan under certain conditions and would give BRADSHAW time to raise additional money.

The above letter was turned over to LOGAN B. HENDRICKS, Acting Deputy Administrator, SBA, Washington, who advised Mrs. BRADSHAW by letter dated April 8, 1964, that her allegations as to improprieties by either SBA personnel or Congressional employees were being investigated by the appropriate Government agency; that the listed alleged prejudicial actions by Mr. FOY, Birmingham Branch Manager, and Mr. FARNUM of the Washington staff were either misinterpreted or at variance with the facts recorded in SBA files and that the files contain clear evidence of SBA's sincere efforts to assist without prejudice and that there is no record of SBA's refusal to make the refunding loan requested regardless of the amount of capital injected as claimed by her but that on the contrary Mr. LEEF, in his letter of December 17, 1963, advised Mrs. BRADSHAW on what basis the loan could be approved.

A memorandum dated May 26, 1964, from FREDRIC T. SUSS, General Consultant, by W. JUNIUS ROBINSON, Assistant General Consultant, directed to ARTHUR D. HORNER, Chief, Investigations Division, SBA, states it is with reference to HORNER's memorandum of May 15, 1964, addressed to Mr. HENDRICKS in connection with an investigative report covering alleged irregularities

which is established with any degree of certainty is the charge against Mr. SHERROD, which HORNE stated would be turned over to the FBI for further investigation. He stated the remainder of the allegations made by the BRADSHAWS and others were either irrelevant or immaterial and that they would not require further investigation or action.

Honorable GEORGE HUDDLESTON, JR., Senator JOHN SPARKMAN, then Vice President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Congressman ALBERT THOMAS were all advised by SBA, by letter dated October 31, 1963, that in view of BRADSHAW's financial condition and past losses SBA had declined to make a refunding loan of $350,000.

The memorandum dated November 5, 1963, of RALPH FARNUM, Loan Officer, SBA, Washington, to the file reflects that in connection with BRADSHAW's application for a $350,000 refunding loan, which had been declined, and at the instigation of Messieurs LAUGHLIN and MITCHELL of the Senate Small Business Committee, an interview was arranged with BRADSHAW in Washington which lasted for about two hours and further discussion was had with Mr. RHETT of the Loan Administration in Washington; that as a result it was evident that the Senate Committee personnel were not convinced that SBA had exhausted all avenues of assistance to BRADSHAW. FARNUM was instructed to go to Birmingham and make further inquiry. FARNUM went to Birmingham and concluded that he would not recommend the approval of the $350,000 loan with or without injection of additional capital.

Congressman HUDDLESTON was advised by FOY by letter dated December 5, 1963, that upon FARNUM's return to Washington BRADSHAW's application was acted upon by five persons in the Washington Office and unanimously declined.

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By letter dated June 5, 1963, BRADSHAW advised SBA, Birmingham, that a proposal was being made to release a second mortgage on the property and the company to enable the company to transfer the property to an individual, Dr. JOHN JUSTICE, who would provide payment of the delinquent taxes on the property and equipment and furnish $5,000 in additional operating capital which would prevent foreclosure, which was threatened by delinquent taxes and three monthly payment deficits and would enable the refinancing of the present mortgage which was at 8% with a mortgage having a more favorable rate of interest.

BRADSHAW again wrote SBA concerning this matter on June 7, 1963, and forwarded a copy to Senator JOHN SPARKMAN who, by letter dated June 10, 1963, requested FOY to look into the matter and furnish him a report.

FOY advised SPARKMAN by letter dated June 12, 1963, that the report was being mailed to the regional office in Atlanta and by them to the Washington Office for final action.

In his letter to Senator SPARKMAN on June 7, 1963, BRADSHAW stated he needed help with SBA. He also thanked Senator SPARKMAN for his letter of April 2, 1963, and his assistance with the Department of the Navy.

The file does not contain any further information in this communication.

A memorandum from FOY to the file dated July 22, 1963, stated that BOB RHETT of the Washington Office called by telephone and advised him and Mr. NATION that he had received a letter from BRADSHAW, copies of which had been sent to ten or twelve Congressmen and Senators; that RHETT stated he was agreeable to accepting the Doctor JUSTICE proposition provided the license and option to purchase would be for five years instead of two and with the understanding the license would be assigned to SBA with the right of reassignment. FOY

advised that he was notifying BRADSHAW of the above but that he was going to tell him that it would be much better to get the application for a refunding loan in promptly.

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TITLE OF CASE

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
SENATOR SPARKMAN

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REFERENCES: Report of SA HENRY A. SNOW dated May 28, 1964, at Birmingham;
Bureau airtel to Birmingham dated June 3, 1964;
Mobile teletype to Bureau and Birmingham dated June 6, 1964.

LEADS: ATLANTA AND MOBILE DIVISIONS

Information copy of this report being furnished Mobile Division in view of previous interest by that division in this matter and the fact that BILLY E. FISHER stated he had contacted Mobile Office previously in connection with efforts to locate his son by a former marriage.

An information copy of this report is being furnished the Atlanta Division in view of Bureau airtel 6/3/64, noting that Atlanta was furnished copy of rerep of SA SNOW on 6/4/64.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

Will follow Bureau instructions as to whether interview with H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR. should be conducted.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

Will, after completion of remaining investigation by Atlanta and Washington Field Office, furnish United States Attorney, Birmingham, with copies of pertinent reports in event Bureau so instructs.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

During interview with BILLY E. FISHER, he related at length information pertaining to his belief that [redacted] by his former wife, had been illegally taken by her out of the State of Alabama although he had no definite information as to the location of [redacted] or whether, in fact, he may be still alive. Since he advised that he had previously contacted the Mobile Office in this regard, only the brief allegation regarding the possible [redacted] is being set forth in this section of this report for the information of the Mobile Division. b6 b7C

FISHER stated that he was previously married to JOANNE LAVADA LIGHTSEY, daughter of J. D. (I.O.) LIGHTSEY and VERA COBB LIGHTSEY. On 12/21/60, [redacted] in this regard to possible influence of Mrs. DOT MARTIN ADAIR BOYKIN, daughter-in-law of former U. S. Congressman FRANK W. BOYKIN of Mobile, who was at that time married to JOHN GUNN BOYKIN, the Congressman's son. After the divorce from his wife, he had been granted custody of [redacted] by the Court at Mobile but his former wife had secured a court order for a visit to the Gulf beaches on 4/14/61 for two days duration. [redacted] has not been returned since that time and all efforts to locate him on the part of FISHER have been negative. He is of the belief that [redacted] and his former wife are possibly b6 b7C

being supported surreptitiously by JUDGE RICHARD E. MC PHERSON of Butler, Alabama, who was named in the divorce decree which he had secured from his wife on the grounds of adultery.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HENRY A. SNOW
Date: 6/9/64

Office: Birmingham

Field Office File No.: BH 58-102

Bureau File No.:

Title: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis: BILLY E. FISHER interviewed at Birmingham, Alabama, while temporarily in that city; states during December of 1962, he was engaged along with JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM to assist KENNETH H. BRADSHAW in attempting to secure private capital for refinancing the indebtedness of the BRADSHAW STEEL & FORGE COMPANY of Birmingham, Alabama, which was in financial difficulty; that he was given three checks in December of 1962, each in the amount of $500.00 payable to himself, and two of these checks were endorsed and sent to his mother at Mobile for use in paying for credit card charges on which he was then operating; that the third check which he had received at the company plant while en route to Huntsville, Alabama, was taken to that city with him; that on following day, he endeavored to contact Senator JOHN SPARKMAN at the Senator's Huntsville office, Federal Building, but since he was out of town, he requested Mr. SHERROD to identify him at local bank for purpose of cashing the check. States SHERROD did this as a favor after having been requested to endorse the check at the bank. States SHERROD definitely had nothing to do with BRADSHAW's previous loan with Small Business Administration. Official of Huntsville Branch, State National Bank of Decatur, Alabama, recalls visit by SHERROD, accompanied by unrecalled individual and recalled having authorized cashing of BRADSHAW check.

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DETAILS: AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

On June 6, 1964, BILLY E. FISHER was contacted at the Travelodge Motel, where he was temporatily residing at which time he voluntarily agreed for interview at the Birmingham FBI Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 8, 1964

Mr. BILLY E. FISHER was interviewed at the Birmingham FBI Office and related as follows:

During December of 1962, he had been employed by Mr. KENNETH H. BRADSHAW of the BRADSHAW STEEL & FORGE COMPANY, Birmingham, Alabama, to assist in raising private capital for refinancing loans which that company had with the Small Business Administration and which loans were, at that time on the verge of foreclosure. He stated that his connection with the BRADSHAW's had been occasioned through JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM, who was also engaged in an effort to raise outside capital for the company. He advised that he had met CUNNINGHAM at a party in Mobile through former U. S. Congressman FRANK W. BOYKIN, whom he stated he had always called "Uncle," although not directly related. He recalled that the late Senator SAM RAYBURN was also in attendance at this party. He stated that he has on about three occasions also met Senator JOHN SPARKMAN and considered himself well acquainted with the Senator.

FISHER related that he was given three checks each in the amount of $500.00 by the BRADSHAW's at their plant on the Pinson Highway near Birmingham in about December of 1962, which checks were to defray his expenses in his efforts to interest prospective investors with capital in the BRADSHAW Company. He also recalled that his associate, JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM was given similar checks. He stated that two of the three checks had been endorsed by him and mailed to his mother at Mobile in order that she might make necessary payments on credit cards which she was then using for living expenses. He stated that since the BRADSHAW Plant was on the highway leading to Huntsville, Alabama, where he was then en route to attempt to locate investors for the company, he took the third check with him to that city. He recalled that on the following morning, at Huntsville, Alabama, he needed to cash the $500.00 check and not knowing anyone in that city, with the exception of Senator SPARKMAN, he had gone to the Senator's Office in the Federal Building, Huntsville, to secure necessary identification in order that he might cash the check at a local bank. At the office he determined that Senator SPARKMAN was not in Huntsville, Alabama, and he made the acquaintance of MR. HERROD who was

On 6/5/64 at Birmingham, Alabama File# BH 52-102

SA HENRY A. SNOW:rte 6/8/64

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the only attendant in Senator SPARKMAN's office. He explained to SHERROD his predicament at which time that individual accompanied him to a local bank in walking distance of the Federal Building, where he, FISHER, had endorsed the check in the presence of a bank official who also requested that MR. SHERROD endorse the check prior to authorizing it being cashed by a teller of the institution. He recalled that Mr. SHERROD laughingly mentioned the fact that he hoped the check was "O.K." He stated that he thereupon cashed the check at a teller's window and put the proceeds in his wallet, thanked Mr. SHERROD, and left the bank. He stated definitely that this was the only connection Mr. SHERROD had with the $500.00 check and it was purely as a convenience to him, FISHER, and had no connection in any manner with any loan of the BRADSHAW's with Small Business Administration.

As background information, Mr. FISHER stated that he and CUNNINGHAM were connected with the BRADSHAW's only for a very short while during approximately December of 1962 in their efforts to locate outside capital for the company; that subsequently, the BRADSHAW's accused CUNNINGHAM of having misappropriated certain stock in the company given to CUNNINGHAM for the purpose of securing loans from private investors and CUNNINGHAM was subsequently charged in Circuit Court by the BRADSHAW's with such misappropriation. He stated that he has remained on a friendly basis with CUNNINGHAM as he is of the opinion that CUNNINGHAM was given a "raw deal" by the BRADSHAW's as, in his opinion, the BRADSHAW's still owe both CUNNINGHAM and himself for additional expenses incurred in behalf of their company.

He also advised that during one of the court proceedings against CUNNINGHAM, instituted by the BRADSHAW's, that considerable vilification of the Small Business Administration on the part of the BRADSHAW's had come out in testimony and that he is of the opinion that both Mr. and Mrs. BRADSHAW have unjustly criticized the Small Business Administration officials.

Mr. FISHER stated that his permanent address is in care of his parents at [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] He also related considerable information concerning the

circumstances surrounding his divorce from his former wife, JOANNE LAVADA LIGHTSEY, and his efforts to locate [redacted] the custody of whom he had been awarded by the court in 1961. He stated that he has suffered a nervous breakdown in the past. b6 b7C

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ERNEST H. WHITE, JR. at Huntsville, Alabama, on June 8, 1964:

CECIL CROW, Vice-President, State National Bank, of Decatur, Huntsville Branch, advised he personally knows H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR. of Decatur, Alabama. He observed a photographic copy of questioned check and stated this check was cashed by their bank's teller, BERTHA WOODARD. He recalled SHERROD conducted a business transaction at his bank approximately two years ago but cannot recall the circumstances. He advised that BILLY E. FISHER is unknown to him, although another man accompanied SHERROD.

Mrs. BERTHA WOODARD, Teller No.2, State National Bank of Decatur, Huntsville Branch, viewed questioned photographic copy of the check and stated the initials thereon were hers, but as it was cashed in December, 1962, she cannot recall the transaction.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
WASHINGTON FIELD	BIRMINGHAM	6/12/64	5/18-6/11/64

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will interview SHERROD upon completion of investigation unless advised otherwise by the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA CARLTON V. BRODEN
Date: 6/12/64

Office: Washington, D. C.

Field Office File No.: 58-882

Bureau File No.:

Title:
H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis:
Small Business Administration(SBA) file contains no indication SHERROD interceded with SBA in connection with the loan application submitted by Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company.

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Date 5/21/64

ARTHUR D. HORNER, Chief, Investigations Division, Small Business Administration (SBA), advised he had checked SBA indices and determined there was no record on file indicating H. FLOYD SHERROD, Administrative Assistant to Senator SPARKMAN of Alabama, had interceded with SBA in connection with a loan application submitted by Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company, Birmingham, Alabama.

On 5/18/64 at Washington, D.C. File# WFO 58- 832

by SA FRANCIS W. APPLER:bsb Date dictated 5/18/64

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On June 11, 1964, ARTHUR HORNER, Chief, Investigations Division, Small Business Administration (SBA) made available the SBA loan file concerning the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company (BSFCo). This file was reviewed by Special Agents CARLTON V. BRODEN and FRANCIS W. APPLER. No information was located in the file that SHERROD had interceded in behalf of BSFCo with SBA.

1 - Mr. Larson

6/16/64

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To: SAC, Washington Field

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From: Director, FBI (58-5000)

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
etc.
BRIBERY

Re Birmingham airtel dated 6/9/64.

It appears from a review of the results of investigation thus far that we have reached the point where the subject should be interviewed. Although indications are that his only connection with the check in question was the identification of Billy E. Fisher at the local bank, it is felt that in order to fully resolve this matter you should conduct this final interview.

Senator Sparkman's Office has been advised that a full investigation of the allegation is being conducted. This should be handled at the earliest date practical, however, no later than 6/19/64 and the results submitted as soon as possible.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (58-102) (P)

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN;
BRIBERY

Rerep of SA HENRY A. SNOW dated 6/9/64 at Birmingham.

The Bureau is requested to advise the Washington Field Office as to whether interview of subject is desired at Washington in view of information furnished by BILLY E. FISHER to the effect that the endorsement of his check in the amount of $500.00 on the part of SHERROD at Huntsville, Alabama, was merely as a personal convenience to him in order that he might have the check cashed.

In submission of any reports by Atlanta and Washington Field Office, an extra copy should be furnished Birmingham for possible dissemination to the USA at Birmingham, Alabama in the event the Bureau directs this be done. Washington Field Office and Atlanta, however, should not designate such copy of report for dissemination to USA.

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1 - Mr. Larson

6/24/64

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To: SAC, Birmingham (58-102)

From: Director, FBI (58-5600)

H. LLOYD SHERROD, JR., etc.
BRIBERY

Re Washington Field report dated 6/22/64.

Rerep completes all outstanding investigation in this matter and a further report is not necessary from your office. Copies of rerep are being furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department with the advice that no further dissemination is anticipated and the Bureau file is being closed.

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June 24, 1964

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLAGIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY

Enclosed is one copy of the final report of investigation in the captioned matter conducted by our Washington Field Division. Copies of all previous reports have been furnished to your office. In view of the results of this investigation, no further action is being taken concerning this matter in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
WASHINGTON FIELD	BIRMINGHAM	6/22/64	6/17/64

TITLE OF CASE

(1)

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA CARLTON V. BRODEN
Date: 6/22/64

Office: Washington, D.C.

Field Office File No.: 58-882

Bureau File No.: 58-5660

Title: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.,
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN

Character: BRIBERY

Synopsis:

SHERROD interviewed under oath. He said around the end of December, 1962, a BILLY FISHER visited Senator SPARKMAN's office in Huntsville, Alabama, identified himself and asked SHERROD to help him get a $500 check cashed. SHERROD took FISHER to the Huntsville branch of the State National Bank of Decatur where the check was cashed after SHERROD endorsed it. SHERROD had not met FISHER prior to this time and has not seen him since the day the check was cashed. SHERROD stated he never interceded with the Small Business Administration on behalf of the Bradshaws or the Bradshaw Steel and Foundry Company.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 22, 1964

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HENRY FLOYD SHERROD, JR., furnished the following information, under oath, after being advised by SA CARLTON V. BRODEN that he did not have to make any statement unless he cared to do so, that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law and he had a right to consult with counsel before making any statement.

Around the end of December, 1962, an individual came into Senator SPARKMAN's office in Huntsville, Alabama, and asked to see Senator SPARKMAN who was not there. The individual then introduced himself as BILLY FISHER and exhibited, to SHERROD, various identifying credentials including one signed by former Congressman FRANK BOYKIN indicating that FISHER was an aide-de-camp to BOYKIN whom FISHER referred to as "Uncle FRANK." SHERROD recognized the signature as actually being BOYKIN's signature.

FISHER said he wanted to get a check cashed as he needed money and he exhibited a $500 check payable to FISHER. The check was drawn on some company but SHERROD, of his own memory, cannot recall that it was a check of the Bradshaw Steel and Forge Company (BSF Co). FISHER asked SHERROD if he would help FISHER get the check cashed so SHERROD took FISHER to the State National Bank of Decatur, Huntsville Branch, where SHERROD had an account. SHERROD introduced FISHER to an employee of the bank, name unrecalled. The bank employee agreed to cash the check providing SHERROD endorsed the check which he did to accommodate FISHER.

After the check was cashed FISHER and SHERROD went to a nearby restaurant where FISHER purchased coffee for both of them and they talked for a few minutes. During the conversation FISHER suggested they exchange addresses and SHERROD was glad to get FISHER's address in the event the check bounced. SHERROD no longer has FISHER's address but recalls his address was in the [redacted] area. b6 b7C

SHERROD stated that so far as he knows he had never

On 6/17/64 at Washington, D.C. File# 58-882

by SA LOUIS S. HUTCHISON
SA CARLTON V. BRODEN CVB/sc Date dictated 6/17/64

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seen FISHER prior to the day the check was cashed and has not seen him since that date. SHERROD did receive a Christmas card from FISHER on one occasion following the cashing of the check but he does not recall the year in which he received the card.

SHERROD stated he received no part of the $500 and the only reason he endorsed the check was to accommodate FISHER. SHERROD stated so far as he knows he has never met KENNETH BRADSHAW or his wife and at no time has he ever interceded in behalf of the BRADSHAWs or the BSF Co. with the Small Business Administration. At no time did FISHER discuss or mention to SHERROD the problems BSF Co. were having with the Small Business Administration in connection with a loan.

The following description of SHERROD was obtained through personal observation and interrogation.

Name:	HENRY FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
Birth:	January 20, 1937, Huntsville, Alabama
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	six feet
Weight:	175 pounds
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown - crewcut
Address:	602 E Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.
Father:	HENRY FLOYD SHERROD, 415 Grant Street, S.E., Decatur, Alabama.

1 - Mr. Brown

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To: SAC, Birmingham (58-102)

From: Director, FBI (58-5660)

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H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.,
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY
OO: BH
BUDED: 8/12/64

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum from Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. The interview of Cunningham should be conducted promptly and the results thereof reported to the Bureau in appropriate form by 8/12/64.

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Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JULY 29 1964

HJM:CG:bf
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FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: H. Floyd Sherrod, Jr.,
Legislative Assistant to
Senator Sparkman; Bribery

We have received your memorandum of June 24, 1964 indicating that you would take no further action in this matter in the absence of a specific request from this Division.

In the report of SA Henry A. Snow, Birmingham Field Office, May 28, 1964, page 3, there appears a portion of a report of the Small Business Administration, which quotes Bradshaw as saying that Cunningham has said that he turned over to an aide of Senator Sparkman $500 of the money advanced him by Bradshaw. In order to assure that all possible leads are followed through, it is requested that Cunningham be interviewed to determine whether he made this statement, and, if he did make it, the basis for it.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-5660)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (58-102)(RUC)

RE: H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.,
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO
SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY
(BH 00)
BUDED 8/12/64

Rerep of SA HENRY A. SNOW, 5/28/64, at Birmingham, and Bureau airtel to Birmingham, with enclosure, 7/30/64, the enclosure being Departmental memorandum, dated 7/29/64.

Enclosed for New Orleans is one copy each of referenced communications.

On 8/10/64, Attorney CLAIR A. WITCHER, Guld Building, 2151 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala., advised he presently represents JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM, who has recently undergone surgery at the Methodist Hospital, Biloxi, Miss., and is presently residing at the [redacted]

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NEW ORLEANS, at Biloxi, Miss., will interview JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM at the above address regarding instructions set forth in the Departmental memorandum.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-5660)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (58-1)

H. FLOYD SHERROD, JR.
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
TO SENATOR SPARKMAN
BRIBERY
(OO:BH)

ReBHairtel to Director with cc to NO, 8/11/64.

Mrs. LUCIA CUNNINGHAM, [redacted] advised 8/24/64, her husband, JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM is presently in Alabama and she does not know whether he is at Mobile, Huntsville or Birmingham. She aas advised it was desired that Mr. CUNNINGHAM be interviewed at which time she said she would attempt to determine where he was located and determine from him whether he will proceed to Birmingham or return to [redacted] for the interview.

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She said she would have him contact their attorney, C. A. WITCHER at Birmingham and as soon as she obtained contact with her husband, she would advise.

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CUNNINGHAM will be interviewed as [redacted] soon as located by either the Birmingham or Jackson Division per Bureau instructions of 7/30/64.

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